SPORTS THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE SECTION OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 1917.

O'TOOLE CURVES **ROURKES TO WIN** OVER THE LINKS

Holmes Tribe Unable to Hit Marty and Krug Pounds Home Tallies Which Give Omaha Victory.

Marty O'Toole with his excellent curving and Marty Krug with his big stick collaborated yesterday to give Omaha a 6 to 2 victory over the lowly Links from Lincoln.

O'Toole refused to permit the Ducklings to gang any hits except in the seventh when two bingles mixed up with a walk and a sacrifice fly and a ragged play gave the enemy two runs. The rest of the time Marty's spitter had the Links completely baffled.

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While O'Tool was holding the Links down Marty Krug was hammering home runs or scoring them.

Krug gave O'Toole a lead in the opening stanza with a home run blow to left. The hit was a homer inside to left. The nit was a nomer inside the park, a rare occurrence on the Omaha grounds. The ball hit a couple of inches inside, just a few feet back of third base and rolled to the fence in foul territory. Carlisle's relay was just a second or two late to match Marty sliding over the rubber.

Rourkes Count Three. The game stood 1 to 0 until the sixth when the Rourkes gathered three runs. After Burg went out Krug drew a walk and went to second on Thompson's out. He scored on Earl Smith's single to center. Bradley also drew a walk and Schick scored Smithy and Big Bill with a two-play erack to right.

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The Lincoln tallies were scored in the seventh. Butler singled through third, Lamb walked and Griffin singled over second, filling the bases. Rohrer's sacrifice fly scored Butler, O'Toole cut off Smith's throw to the plate and had a chance to nail Lamb off second. But Marty's throw hit the dirt, then Woodruff bobbled it when Woody did throw it to Burg, Joe dropped it. As a result Lamb took third and Griffin second, Lamb scored on Halla's infield out.

The final game of the Omaha-Lincoln series will be played today, starting at 3:15.

Boosters Bunch Four Hits And Defeat Sioux City

Des Moines, Ia., May 19.-Des Moines bunched four hits with two Moines bunched four hits with two errors by Mueller in the fourth inning and scored six runs, acquiring a leai which Sioux City was unable to overcome. The final score was 7 to 6. O'Doul, a youngster, pitched good ball, but Des Moines' errors were costly. Score: SIOUX CITY

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Wiches Land on Hopper And St. Joseph Loses

St. Joseph, Mo., May 19.—Wichita landed on Booth Hopper in the second innings for four runs, enough to win the game here today. Score: WICHITA. ST. JOSEPH.

SULKY STEPPERS Marty and Marty SHOW FINE FORM ON BENSON OVAL

LINCOLN.

Pitty Poor Deadhead; He'll Have to Cough Up to See Games Now

The bleacher fan probably will be asked to bear the burden of the war tax on the Western league. The Western league, with present prices prevailing, cannot hope to exist with a 10 per cent tax upon the gross receipts. So the club owners are considering charging 30 cents for admission to the bleachers and perhaps they may raise the ante to 35. It is probable no addition will be made to the charge on grandstand seats.

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The deadhead may have to come across, too. The war tax applies to passes the same as paid admissions, so the chap who gets in on a pass may have to deposit a jitney at the gate.

Benny Leonard's Claim is

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Boarders at Benson Racing Plant Put Through Paces in Preparation for Early Meetings.

By RUSSELL PHELPS.

Horsemen headquartering at the

Home run: Krug. Twe-base hits: Schick, Bradley. Sacrifice hits: Woodruff, O'Toole, Bolarce (2). Sacrifice fly: Rohrer. Stolen bases: Joher, Lamb. Struck out: Ry O'Toole, 6; by Halla, 1. Bases on halls: Off O'Toole, 2: off Halls, 3. Wild pitch: O'Toole, 1:1 of halls, 4. Lincohn, 5. Time: 1:45, Umpiress Gaston and Shannon.

Show Fast Miles.

Governor V., one of the fine animals owned by Otis M. Smith, superintendent of speed of the driving club, and Cambridge Belle, another boarder in the Joe Hildreth stables, trotted miles in 2-20 and half-miles in 1:07. Governor V. looks like a real putsegrabber this year.

A pair of pacers showing good form were Shadeline and Dan W., the former owned by Judge Sears of the district court. They went the mile in 2:16½, stepping the last quarter in 30 seconds. Shadeline and Dan W. are under the care of the Douglas-Hart combination.

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Maharba of the Hildreth stables.
Stabe, a pacer boarding in the Hal
Brown stables, and Gray Hal, another
pacer handled by the Stetson stables,
were credited with miles in 2:22.

Al Thomas on Job.

Disputed by Johnny Dundee
New York, May 19.—Johnny Dundee takes exception to Benny Leonard claiming the American lightweight title. According to Dundee's manager, Dominick Tortorich of New Orleans has offered to stage an elimination townsment and to denate Al Thomas, veteran trainer of champions and well known on track all over the United States, worked 2-year-old filly by Justice Brooke in 2:35. The old campaigner let the likely-looking pacer step the last one

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Electric Togo, hoarding with Joe
Hildreth, showed creditable form in a
2:21 workout.

Everything is spick and span at
Benson. Since the Omaha Driving
club took over the suburban plant and
concentrated the Nebraska metropolis' horse racing interests there, a
wonderful improvement has resulted.
New stables of the most modern type
have been erected and the whole plant
gone over by the enthusiastic Driving
club boosters.

More than 100 head of horses are
being trained at Benson.

Omaha horsemen hope to make it
the premier racing plant of the west.
A landscape gardening scheme is
being worked out that will transform
it into a beautiful place.

Strictly Harness Racing.

orieans has offered to stage an elimination tournament and to donate a belt to the winner. Dundee says that twenty rounds are the only real test and points out that Leonard has never travelled the long distance.

There is little chance of a twenty-round battle between this pair, for the very good reason that New Orleans is a fliver as a boxing center. The men can get more money for boxing ten rounds here than twenty in the Creasert City. However, it is a fact that Leonard has yet to gain a decisive advantage over Dundee. They have met three times and on each occasion opinion was divided as to the winner, Leonard's record is far superior to that of Dundee, yet for some reason or other, the former never makes, much headway when opposed to the bounding Italian. Another match between them is in order.

Elaw, nine entries.

Entries are coming in nicely for the Driving club's meeting, June 12 to 14, inclusive, on the Nebraska Speed association loop. The club will offer \$4,000 in stakes and purses for this early meeting. Early closing entries close May 25.

Hugh Bradley, Sweet Singer and First Sacker, Is Tower of Strength in Rourke Inner Defense

Former Red Sox Wins Spurs by Plugging Up the Hole Left by the Departure of Ray Miller.

Here's an action snapshot of Hugh Bradley, alias "Big Bill," sweet singer, vaudeville actor and first baseman.

After watching him the last two weeks Omaha fans will admit Bradley is some first sacker. The Rourke infield has improved 50 per cent since Big Bill took up the job of custodian of the first cushion.

Horsemen headquartering at the Omaha Driving club's Benson racing plant took advantage of the ideal training weather last week, putting their harness stars through the atification workouts of the season thus far.

Visitors to the suburban plant on "track days"—Tuesday and Thursday—saw some pretty stepping by performers in stables destined to play a big part in middle western meetings this year. "Rail birds" clocked some of the horses in unusually fast miles for this time of the year.

George S. and Lord Aubrey, a couple of favorites in the Fred Douglas-Earl Hart stables, negotiated the speedy Benson twice-around in 2:18 without much trouble. Both came in strong at the finish. They are trotters.

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Hat McKinney purse, \$1,000, 2:15 pacing class, thrity-eight entries.

Burgger-Nash purse, \$500, 3-year-old pacing class, then the entries.

Bugger-Nash purse, \$500, 3-year-old trotting class, twelve entries.

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Byrne-Hammer purse, \$1,000, 2:12 trotting class, twelve entries.

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Memphis, Tenn., May 19.—Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight pugilist, is seriously ill at a local hospital, suffering from pneumonia and complications, according to his physician. Fred Gilmore, his manager, says Darcy's prize ring days are ended. He recently joined the aviation reserve corps.

PLESTINA AND JOE MAKE PLANS FOR ARRIVE AT TERMS

Dodge Phenom and Omaha McShane Reappointed Director



SPEEDWAY RACES

ter. They are driving cars brought to America by the American Speedway association, in which Omaha holds a charter and they will drive in all the championship events. Christiaens pilots an English Sunbeam and Scales and Cagno Italian Fiats.

Hudsons to Enter. The entry of the Hudson team also s expected. Arthur Hill, manager of

Restal last year, is contest manager for for the Hudsons and Hill is pretty sweet on Omaha because of Resta's success here last year and the recep-tion given himself and Dario by

Omaha.

All in all the speedway management expects fully fifteen of the fastest cars and drivers in America to take part and even this number may be beaten.

The championship race will be 100 miles long and the purse will be \$10,000. Another race of fifty miles will be held in addition.

Loch's alleys, formerly the Morrison alleys on Harney street. League games are bowled every Tuesday and Friday nights. Teams entered in the summer loop are Beselin's Old Boys, Electric Light Company, Omaha Trunk Factories, Bradford's Pirates, Reis' Eagles, Hemple's Sharks, Pat Malloys and Rent's Rookiea.

INTERNAL SCRAP LOOMS AHEAD IN **WESTERN LEAGUE**

Magnates Getting Warm Under Collar Over Rookie Rule. Freedom of Umpires and Personal Feuds.

Unrestricted warfare that threatens to surpass in violence all previous discords and ruptures looms ahead for the Western league, unless signs cropping out here and there fail to carry any significance.

Several preliminaries skirmishes have already been started by some of the magnates and, unless the flayed and frayed dove of peace manifests symptoms of a new lease on life, a free-for-all battle royal with "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" as its keynote is due to get away to a flying start before many more weeks.

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The "youngster" rule is bound to start a lot of trouble if affairs continue in their present state.

The "youngster" rule decrees that each club shall carry at least six players who have not played base ball of Class A or better, previous to the current year. The law reads thirty games for infielders or outfielders, fifteen games for catchers and ten games for pitchers. All clubs were to have been cut down May 8.

Judging from the manner with which the rule is observed one club will win the pennant and another club will claim it because the first club didn't observe the rookie rule.

Protest Omaha Games.

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Omaha has already had victories protested on the grounds that Rourke has less than six recruits on his pay roll. Schick, Brokaw, Currie, Waterman and Shaw come under the young-ster classification. Pa also certified Brottem played in fitteen games with the St. Louis Cards and therefore was not a rookie,

Joplin is said to be shy on rookies, or at least was on May 8, as is Lincoln. It is said Sioux City, while carrying six kids, failed to cut down to fitteen men by May 8. Des Moines is said to have failed to reduce to the required number.

Such heing the condition of affairs. Prexie Zehrung quite regularly will find protests in the morning mail. And when the time comes to make decisions the music and fireworks will start. The prexie, of course, will be the storm center.

Idea is Wrong.

Attendance hasn't been up to its usual standard this season and here's one of the reasons. The sooner base ball men quit trying to "eliminate the rowdyism in base ball," as they call it, the better off they'll be. The fan likes to see some pep and ginger on the field. Nothing tickles him better than a clash between a player and an umpire or a couple of opposing players. That makes business.

But no such excitement will be seen on a Western league lot this year if the existing policy continues. Western league ball players are becoming a bunch of very docile he doves as a result of the big stick the umpires swing.

Magnates are getting weary of this condition and another week or so likely will see the precipitation of another internal battle.

In addition, it also might be stated some of the magnates who never did ent red clubby are certifur hostile.

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Eight-Team Summer Loop

Starts on New Loch Drives
A summer league, composed of eight teams, has started rolling on Loch's alleys, formerly the Morrison alleys on Harney street. League games are bowled every Tuesday and Friday nights. Teams entered in the season is over.

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Becker Gets Fast Start.